

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

April 9, 2021

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes

No. 07-21-90014

IN RE COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE:

MEMORANDUM

Complainant filed a misconduct complaint against the judge who presided over his civil-rights case, which was dismissed in 2017. He alleges that the judge was wrong to deny his motion for recruitment of new counsel and should not have imposed sanctions on him. These allegations are directly related to the merits of the judge's decisions and therefore are not proper grounds for a misconduct complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii). "Any allegation that calls into question the correctness of an official action of a judge ... is merits related." Standard 2 for Assessing Compliance with the Act, *Implementation of the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980: A Report to the Chief Justice* 145 (2006). Although complainant suggests that the judge was biased against him, this allegation is wholly unsupported and thus likewise must be dismissed. See § 352(b)(1)(A)(iii); see also Rule 11(c)(1)(D) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii) and (iii).